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Adoption of the report of the Committee

Draft report

Rapporteur: Ishtiaq H. **Andrabi** (Pakistan)

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2003 session from 5 to 23 May 2003. The Committee held ___ meetings (1st to ___).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by the 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, an observer for a non-member State, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in annex I.

C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 5 May, the Committee re-elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson:
Mihaela Blajan (Romania)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Pedro Augustin Roa (Colombia)
Ishtiaq H. Andrabi (Pakistan)
Meshack Kitchen (Zimbabwe)

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4. At the same meeting, the Committee also elected, by acclamation, Hakan Riza Tekin (Turkey) to replace Martin Theummel (Germany) and re-elected Ishtiaq H. Andrabi (Pakistan) to serve as Rapporteur in addition to serving as Vice-Chairperson.

D. Agenda

5. At its 1st meeting, on 5 May, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda for its 2003 session as contained in document E/C.2/2003/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the previous session of the Committee;
   (b) New applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification.
4. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
   (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
   (b) Consideration of organizations whose defining characteristics are not in strict conformity with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31;
   (c) Consideration of issues in the agenda of the informal working group;
   (d) Other related matters.
7. Implementation of Council decision 2001/295.
8. Consideration of special reports.
9. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.
10. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2004 session of the Committee.
11. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee approved its organization of work as contained in Working Paper 1, as orally revised.

E. Documentation

7. The list of documents that were before the Committee at its 2003 session is contained in annex II.